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### ***ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES PLANS TO SEEK STANDARDS FOR WIND FARMS***

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal today said Connecticut must develop standards to regulate wind farm developments in order to protect the environment and quality of life, while promoting green energy projects.

Blumenthal said new green energy projects are critical -- but must be sited appropriately to avoid significant damage to the environment or quality of life in the region.

Blumenthal, following a meeting today with representatives from Save Prospect and FairWindCT, said the state lacks adequate standards to address a surge of proposed wind turbines. The president of Save Our Seashore, a Cape Cod based organization involved with wind development projects in Massachusetts, also attended.

These groups are fighting wind turbine developments, including a plan by BNE Energy Inc. of West Hartford to build 400-foot turbines in Colebrook, North Canaan and Prospect. The groups are concerned about the impact on natural resources, noise pollution and quality of life.

"Wind turbine farms may be well intended, but should also be well sited," Blumenthal said. "Green energy will undermine its purpose if we fail to develop sound standards to protect against damage to the environment and quality of life.

"Wind farms may have a place and purpose -- but not at the cost of destroying pristine forests. These projects must be subject to scrutiny and sound standards. Clear standards will provide certainty to businesses seeking to build wind farms in Connecticut, encouraging their development in sites that meet those standards.

"Renewable sources of energy such as wind should be encouraged, but we must be very careful as to how and where, so as to prevent any adverse health and safety impact on neighborhoods or on the environment generally."

Blumenthal plans to work with state legislators and citizens groups to develop sound principles for the siting of renewable energy projects.

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